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Campus Echo

New Eagle lands

Nelms as NCCU's chancellor

By SHELBA BROWN
ECHO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With two prior positions under his belt, Charlie Nelms is no stranger to chancellorship.

As he adjusts to Eagle life, Nelms is serving as the new chancellor of N.C. Central University. Nelms, who was installed Aug 1, said that serving the students is a priority.

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A conversation with NCCU's new chancellor, Charlie Nelms.

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"We owe our students an excellent education and we fail them in the worse way possible if we offer them a second tier educational

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Students study in Ghana

By GABI CLAY-WHITE
ECHO ASSISTANT EDITOR

Have you ever thought of traveling to a country that you've only seen or heard about in your history book?

This summer, N. C. Central allowed 19 students and eight faculty members to study abroad in Ghana, West Africa for a four week program.

The students and faculty stayed in Dodowa, a rural community 40 minutes outside Accra, Ghana.

Initiated by former Chancellor Ammons and Kingsley Fletcher, pastor of Life Ministry Church in Durham and native of Ghana, they developed the Ghana Study Abroad program to develop a global education center in Dodowa, Ghana.

History senior Mukhtar Raqib recognized Ammons' emphasis on studying abroad.

"Ammons always encouraged students to study abroad," said Raqib.

"I see why because Africa is a deep connection to our history and it helps to know where we came from."

The five departments chosen by the University were the schools of education, human sciences, nursing, health education and business.

They were required to submit a study proposal to the Office of International Affairs for the program to outline a four-week academic plan for students.

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Fears of another Darfur

By EDMOND SANDERS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SEBU, Sudan – The tranquil Nubian villages along this Nile River stretch are best known for the brightly painted gates that adorn many of the simple mud-brick homes. With geometric shapes and hieroglyphic-like pictures, the oversized gates hark back to the stone-carved doorways the villagers' ancestors once built on pyramids that rivaled Egypt's.

These days, however, the elaborate entryways are shadowed by black flags. Government soldiers patrol once-quiet dirt streets, occasionally drawing stones from angry youths. Protest graffiti mars the walls, including one scrawling of an AK-47 with the simple caption: "Darfur 2."

First, southern Sudan erupted in a 20-year civil war, followed by the east and,

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Art embellishes a Nubian royal burial ground, considered an international treasure by activists of threatened sites.

CAROLYN COLE/
Los Angeles Times

LABOR DAY CLASSIC | EAGLES WIN 17-0



Wide receivers Wayne Blackwell (87) and Will Scott (83) jump for joy after Scott's second touchdown against FSU Broncos.

MITCHELL WEBSON/Staff Photographer

LABOR DAY CLASSIC

Some people had to put in a little work before the Labor Day holiday. Apparently it wasn't Fayetteville State.

The Eagles of N.C. Central University went to work on FSU's Broncos shutting them out 17-0. The Eagles' defense kept the Broncos running

while offense made a spectacle of what should have been a fair match. Eagles, prepare for a football season that will make people from all over understand why Eagles fly high. Ballin'!

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Cafe gets a nip/tuck

By SHINESE ANDERSON
ECHO STAFF REPORTER

If all goes according to plan, next fall, students will be eating in the new W.G. Pearson Cafeteria.

The cafe, designed by Moody Nolan and his redesign team, will be complete at the end of April 2008.

"With putting all the staff and training into order the cafeteria will not open until next school term," said Donny Batten, project manager for the redesign of the cafeteria.

The cafeteria was originally supposed to be complete by November 2007 but because of a delayed start time the completion of the cafe will take longer than expected.

According to Batten, the struggle with the cost



A construction worker continues renovations on W.G. Pearson Cafeteria.

SAVIN JOSEPH/Staff Photographer

of materials rising and change orders has also played a part in delaying the completion of the cafe. This problem has also

caused the project to run \$9.5 million over budget.

Jumping their hardest hurdle, getting approval from the state construc-

tion office, the department of insurance, and the University, the redesign team has now moved into their construction phase.

"No changes have been made to the original design of the cafeteria," said Batten.

The newly designed cafe will be expanded to 50,000 sq. ft., from its previous 26,986 sq. ft.

The cafe will have high glass walls, skylights, a cyber cafe and a convenience store.

There will also be an underground walkway connecting different levels of the building.

According to Tim Moore, director of student services, "The cyber cafe is based on a sit down with

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GPAs may rise

Meeting addresses admissions standards

By RAENA BOSTON
ECHO STAFF WRITER

Nearly 30 students attended a town hall meeting Thursday in the H.M. Michaux Jr. School of Education Building Thursday to discuss N. C. Central's new minimum undergraduate admissions requirement

This first of three proposed town hall meetings was held by university administrators for faculty, students and alumni to voice their thoughts and concerns.

Chancellor Charlie Nelms, Beverly Washington Jones, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Bernice Duffy Johnson, assistant vice chancellor for academic services and admissions standards committee, and Shawn Stewart, assistant vice chancellor for institutional research, effectiveness and planning.

The new admissions standards will be revised to include test scores and high school grade point averages.

The school will implement two sets of admissions standards for in and out-of-

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JaMeesee Mangum makes a point at the town hall meeting.

KENICE MOBLEY/Staff Photographer