



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER

NCCU Alumni Association, Inc



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Timothy McIntosh, NCCU class of 1962, reprises his role as campus bell-ringer for Charter Day

Peals of joy mark NCCU's 100th year

The bell takes center stage as the university's alumni, students and faculty celebrate Charter Day.

DURHAM - As an undergraduate at N.C. Central University half a century ago, Timothy McIntosh had an entire campus counting on him.

McIntosh was the campus bell-ringer. Five times a day, seven days a week, for four years, McIntosh would pull the rope on the old bell that stands in the center of campus, signaling to students that it was time to wake, eat or go to class.

For that, he earned \$60 a month.

"It was a good job; it got me through college," McIntosh said Tuesday. "That was my main source of income."

McIntosh came to NCCU from Wilson, where he grew up. He studied mathematics and went on to a career doing civilian financial work for the Army.

Now 69, retired and living in Maryland, McIntosh was among scores of proud NCCU alumni who returned to campus to commemorate their alma mater's Charter Day, the 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

McIntosh kicked off the event -- and a year of planned activities celebrating NCCU's centennial -- with one more ring of the bell.

"At six in the morning, he was none too popular with the folks in the residence halls nearest the bell," quipped NCCU Chancellor Charlie Nelms, who presided Tuesday and spoke at length of the importance that bell played in the life of the campus.

NCCU founder James Shepard had a particular fondness for the bell, old-timers recounted. He disliked tardiness and wanted everyone in class on time.

"The community depended on this bell for the correct time; they set their watches by it," said alumnus Robert Lawson, the longtime university photographer. "If we won a game, they'd ring it, too. You knew if we lost a football game because the bell didn't sound."

NCCU has centennial events planned throughout the next year, culminating in the spring with an academic symposium examining the future of historically black colleges and universities. With state budget cuts looming, university administrators and alumni association officials plan to lean heavily on

CHAPTER NOTES:

As we enter a new fiscal year for the DC Chapter, we would like to ask you to join us all that we plan to accomplish this year. We have set a goal of at least 400 local financial dues paying members. A membership form is located on Page 7 of the Newsletter.

Save the Date – April 24, 2010 for our ***ANNUAL BLACK TIE SCHOLARSHIP GALA***. Details will be coming soon regarding this very special event as we join in celebrating the University's 100th Anniversary.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with local College Fairs. With the budget constraints on the University, the Admissions Office will not be making as many out-of-state trips to College Fairs in our area as in the past. We have had three requests so far. If you are interested in being trained as a Chapter Recruiter, please contact the Chapter President.

We would like say ***THANK YOU*** to all the local alums that supported our ***BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE***. With your very generous donations of supplies and money, we were able to assist three (3) local schools this year. We plan to make this an annual effort.

If you missed our ***FISH FRY FUNDRAISER*** held on August 15th, you missed a fun-filled afternoon of good food and ***EAGLE*** fellowship. A special ***THANK YOU*** to Curtis Massey who allowed us to meet at his home. We were able to contribute over \$300 to our operational budget as a result of this event. We also plan to make this an annual event.

It seems that our Chapter Picnic held in June of each year keeps growing in number of attendees. This year, we had a great turn-out and the weather was great for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Shirley Hatton served as our Host again this year. We hope you will plan to join us in June for the picnic.

To keep abreast of local and national alumni news and activities, check the Chapter's website – www.nccudc.org. The website is updated each Monday.

To see a complete list of persons who have paid their local chapter dues, check the **Membership Page** of the website. Please support the chapter.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

North Carolina Central University Joins Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

A press conference was held on September 10, 2009 at the McLendon-McDougald Gymnasium on the campus of NCCU in Durham, N.C. to announce that North Carolina Central University would be joining the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

"I am elated to have such an outstanding academic institution as North Carolina Central to return to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference," said MEAC Commissioner Dennis E. Thomas. "I would like to commend Chancellor Nelms, Dr. Wicker-McCree, and the entire NCCU family for all their continued hard work as they make the transition from Division II to Division I."

Commissioner Thomas added, "The addition of NCCU keeps us in compliance with our long range strategic plan of adding up to 14 members. NCCU is a perfect fit for the MEAC."

NCCU is in the third year of its reclassification from NCAA Division II to Division I.

NCCU is one of seven founding member institutions of the MEAC. The Eagles withdrew from the conference in 1979, opting to remain a Division II member when the conference reclassified to Division I. From 1979-2007, NCCU competed in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA).

"This is a significant milestone in North Carolina Central University's transition to Division I," said NCCU Chancellor Charlie Nelms. "Membership in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference is a win-win proposition for our student-athletes, alumni and fans -- indeed, all our university constituents."

"This is wonderful news for North Carolina Central University, but most importantly for our student-athletes, coaches and fans," said NCCU Director of Athletics, Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree. "The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference is a fantastic conference with highly competitive academic and athletic institutions. For NCCU to return to the MEAC and be part of its rich history is a tremendous step for our athletics program. We now have a place to call home."

The addition of NCCU marks the second expansion for the MEAC since 2007, when Winston-Salem State became the 12th member of the conference. Prior to Winston-Salem State, the MEAC expanded in the 90's with the inclusion of Norfolk State in 1997 and Hampton in 1995. NCCU becomes the third MEAC institution located in the state of North Carolina and the fourth in the Carolinas, joining WSSU, North Carolina A&T State (Greensboro), and South Carolina State (Orangeburg).

Freshman Enrollment Surges at NCCU

It's official. North Carolina Central University's freshman class is the largest in the university's history in this, its Centennial Year. With 1,347 new first time students this fall as compared to 1,035 last year, NCCU is pleased to see an increase of 30 percent. There are also 30 percent more transfer and second-degree students registered.

The influx helped ensure that NCCU exceeded the enrollment target set for it by the University of North Carolina General Administration with a total enrollment figure of 8,501.

"The Undergraduate Admissions recruiters worked extremely hard to recruit new students who are academically prepared for college," said Sharon Oliver, associate vice chancellor for enrollment services. "We are ecstatic about the students who are enrolled and grateful for the support of the entire Eagle team."

Here is what a few of the freshmen are saying.

Charmenka Grier, a criminal justice major says, "My teachers, they're nice and I like all my classes."

Johnny Jones, II chose NCCU because of his family's connections. "A host of my aunts and uncles have been here. My cousin played on that 1989 Division II national championship [basketball] team."

Taleena Ashley picked NCCU because "when I did my research, NCCU was a fit because it had theater, law and nursing. So it would be pretty good for me and it's not that far [from Charlotte]."

NCCU School of Law Ranked No. 1 Best Value Law School in the Nation

For the second consecutive ranking, the North Carolina Central University School of Law has been ranked as the No. 1 Best Value Law School in the Nation. The ranking by the National Jurist Magazine is based on affordability, bar passage rate and job placement. "We are again honored to receive this recognition," said Raymond Pierce, dean of the NCCU School of Law. "Our law school continues to take pride in the ability to provide a quality and affordable legal education for persons seeking to enter the legal profession."

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2009 Homecoming Dance

Sheraton Imperial Hotel Ballroom
Durham, North Carolina

Saturday, October 31, 2009 ★ 8:00pm-1:00am

\$35 Advance - \$40 at Door

- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Cash Bar
- ★ Live Band
- ★ Hors d'oeuvres

Musical Guest:

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- ★ Online: www.nccualumni.org
- ★ Call The Alumni Office at (919) 530-5222
- ★ Eagleland located at:
2501 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC
- ★ Ideas Coffee House located at:
5607 Hwy 55 Durham, NC

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Please provide the information below to help keep our alumni database updated and return with your membership payment.

Title (please check)	Mr. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Mrs. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Ms. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Miss (<input type="checkbox"/>) Dr. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Atty. (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other:
First Name	
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MEMBERSHIP YEAR July 1-June 30

Important Dates to Remember

September 19, 2009	DC Chapter Meeting
October 17, 2009	DC Chapter Meeting
November 21, 2009	DC Chapter Meeting
December 19, 2009	DC Chapter Holiday Party

All chapter meetings are held at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, located at 901 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20002. All meetings start at 10:00 a.m.

On Nov. 14, the Lady Eagles will tip-off the 2009-10 season in College Park, Md., where they will take on ACC-powerhouse Maryland in the Comcast Center. The Terrapins were crowned the 2009 ACC Champions and made it to the Elite Eight in the 2009 NCAA Tournament before being eliminated by Louisville, who made the national championship game. While in Maryland, NCCU will make a stop in Baltimore to face the Morgan State Bears at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 16.

Watch your email for more information about local plans to support the Lady Eagles of NCCU.

We are on the web!

See us at:

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