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Alumni And Friends
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THEY ARE ALL UP! : APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT, QUALIFICATIONS

FALL '82 ENROLLMENT TOPS 300

The continually stabilizing Law School enrollment was three hundred and one on the headcount day after classes began this Fall. That number included forty five students, in four enrolled classes in the evening program, with two hundred fifty six in the day program. Females accounted for nearly 40% of the students. Eighty seven percent of the students are North Carolina residents.

Racial characteristics continue to show genuine diversity. Day program percentages show fifty-five percent blacks and forty-five percent whites. Black enrollment in the developing evening program has risen to nearly twenty-five percent. Three foreign students --all from Nigeria --are enrolled in the Law School this year. Two are first-year students.

Contrary to an anticipated downward trend nationally, 1982 applications to the School of Law were up by over 10%, with nearly seven applicants for each seat.

The Law School's present enrollment, according to Dean Daye, "represents, I believe, the most studious, well-qualified and hardworking group of law students we have ever had." "Library usage is up," he adds, while pointing out that "too many of our students are working too much at outside jobs." The Dean notes, "We see evidence everywhere that our students are truly dedicated to becoming good legal professionals." nH

ONE "L" CLASS IS "BEST EVER"

The Law School day program was anticipating a new first-year class of 100. What it got was 112 on the first day of classes in August. "We just didn't get the usual number of 'no shows'," comments Assistant Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr., who handles day program admissions.

"We are very pleased," says Luney, "that even with this larger group, our studies show that the mean Admissions Index rose by 38 points over last year." The Admissions Index is a formula that combines a student's college average and LSAT score. But Luney is quick to note that "the Index is our starting point." He continues, "We use the total profile" approach in admissions at Central --looking at the broad range of factors that tend to show a history of overcoming social, economic, racial and other disadvantages, as well as sincere motivation."

Statistically the day program's One 'L' class is 55% black, 42% female and 78% in-state. The average LSAT score is 469 and college average is 2.84. Sixty two different undergraduate institutions are represented, with the largest group coming from UNC-Chapel Hill (13), followed closely by NCCU (12). The evening program enrolled nineteen new students --including six blacks and nine females. The students commute from as far away as Fayetteville, Greensboro and Raleigh.

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Suzanne Leary, Assistant Dean who handles evening program admissions, comments that, "The evening students are a very special group of extremely well-qualified individuals. They hold responsible positions during the day and come here three nights per week to study law. Their motivation," she concludes "is a real inspiration to me."nH

COMPUTERS AND THE LAW SCHOOL

Some Good News and Bad News Stories

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LSAC SELECTS NCCU FOR COMPUTER PROJECT

The Law School was selected to participate in a national pilot project using microcomputers to augment the process of admissions by the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC). Assistant Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr. prepared the Law School's application for a competitive evaluation. Selection as one of 19 participants has several benefits. The Law School has one year's use of a Vector Graphic microcomputer, training for its Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Carolyn J. Anthony, and will be able to computerize its admissions process functions. The project will enable the Law School to more effectively handle all phases of admissions from responding to applicant requests to processing data files.nH

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPUTER PURCHASED

The administration of the NCCU School of Law entered the computer age in a big way in October 1982 with the arrival of the School's own microcomputer -multi-user Vector Graphic 5005 with a hard disk drive, and an NEC 7715 (55 character per second) letter quality daisy wheel printer.

"We fought and struggled," says the Dean, "to finally get this critically-needed equipment. He continues, "This kind of modern equipment was our only rational option. The work load was constantly increasing, but staff positions did not."

The administrative computer will be dedicated to grade processing, internal budget controls and verification, word processing for alumni affairs, development, faculty work and other kinds of uses. The purchase includes substantial custom programming to develop software to handle in-house student registration and records.nH

WESTLAW FUNDING REQUEST DELETED FOR '83

Since 1977 the School of Law has been seeking a WESTLAW legal research computer. The request was renewed by the Law School for the next fiscal cycle. The request was, at one time included, and then "something" happened -the request was deleted somewhere between UNC-General Administration and the Chancellor's Office.

"A legal research computer system is becoming virtually mandatory for law schools," says the Dean. He continues that, "I have pointed out on every conceivable occasion that all the other law schools in the state have research computers."

NCCU law students must await the next funding cycle, unless the \$34,000 request should be restored by the legislature.

Computer costs are broken down into two components: the hardware which would be purchased in the first year and the time and use charges which would be incurred annually. The first year's cost for both components is \$34,000 with annual costs thereafter estimated at \$20,000 per year.

Research computers, however, offer ways to offset future costs for books and serials. With instant computer access to vast materials, law libraries are currently analyzing ways to curtail rising book and serial costs. Accreditation rules may eventually be reformed to recognize the utility of legal research computerization.

Robert F. Baker, Esq., President of the North Carolina Bar Association has confirmed the critically increasing importance of legal research computers. Speaking recently to the Corporate Counsel Committee of the Bar Association on "the future use of computerized legal research", Bar Association President Baker said, in part, "Because of the thorough coverage of existing cases and statutes and the tremendous savings in time compared to the old system of researching legal questions by use of books, I firmly believe that in the next three to five years almost all attorneys will find it necessary to use computers for doing legal research. For this reason, I feel it is essential that our nation's law schools require their students to learn how to use computers in conducting legal research by use of the Lexis or Westlaw systems."nH

DEVELOPMENT DOINGS

Interim Update On New Horizons Fund Challenge

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FUND KICK-OFF RESPONSE EXCELLENT

Maybe the poet Goethe really knew what he was talking about. He said:

"Whatever you can do, or dream you can
Begin it.
Boldness has genius, power, magic
In it."

Nobody knows whether our School of Law can reach its New Horizons Challenge goal of \$250,000. If loyal Alumni and Friends indeed dream we can, then we had to begin it. For a small, improving Law School to launch such a drive was, of course, bold. Does boldness have power, magic in it? The great response to the July 1982 kick-off proves that a grand beginning has been made, already, and answers the question affirmatively.

The New Horizons Fund now has 51 participants in all categories. Contributions and pledges are still coming in at an encouraging pace. Many Alumni and Friends are Charter DONORS, SUSTAINERS, PATRONS or Charter Members of the DECADE, CENTURY or HORIZONS Clubs!nH

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HORIZONS FUND ENTERS PHASE TWO

Building on the success rate for the launch phase, the New Horizons Fund has entered Phase Two.

Alumni Class Captains have agreed to serve for the following classes:

1940-1949	J. H. Rennick
1950-1955	(captains still needed)
1956-1960	Theaoseus T. Clayton
1961-1966	(captains still needed)
1967-1968	Judge C. E. Johnson/A. Leon Stanback, Jr.
1969	Glennie Matthewson
1970	(captains still needed)
1971	Roland H. Hayes
1972	Carroll T. Willis, Jr.
1973	Nathaniel Currie
1974	Gregory Davis
1975	Michael E. Lee
1976	Jacqueline Morris-Goodson/William Dudley
1977	E. Jean Levi/Calvin E. Murphy
1978	(captains still needed)
1979	Maceo K. Sloan/Billy Ellerbee/Barry McNeil
1980	Marilyn R. Bissell/Pamela Stanback
1981	Michelle Rippon

Fund Regional Captains have agreed to serve in virtually every instance. Regional Captains so far are:

- A. Charlotte/Southern Piedmont/Mountains - Robert L. Harrell/
Donald Ramseur
- B. Winston-Salem/Western Piedmont - (captains still needed)
- C. Greensboro/Central Piedmont - Sammie Chess, Jr.
- D. Durham/North Central Piedmont - William A. Marsh, Jr.
- E. Fayetteville/Southern Piedmont - (captains still needed)
- F. Raleigh/Wake/Eastern Piedmont - Harvey W. Raynor, III/Victor Boone
- G. Wilson/Rocky Mount/Western Plains - Quentin T. Sumner/G.K. Butterfield
- H. Ahoskie/Elizabeth City/Northern Coastal - Milton Moore
- I. New Bern/Wilmington/Southern Coastal - John Harmon
- J. Atlanta/Mid-Southern - Leroy R. Johnson/Charles Coleman
- K. South Carolina/Central South - Roberta Y. Wright
- L. Florida/Sun Coastal - (captains still needed)
- M. Virginia/Mid-Eastern - George W. Harris, Jr./Sterling Walker
- N. Washington/Capitol City Area - Rogers Davis
- O. Philadelphia/Eastern - (captains still needed)
- P. New York/North Eastern - (captains still needed)
- Q. Chicago/Western - Sheila M. Parrish/Sandra Turner-Hill
- R. Tennessee/South Western - Carlton H. Petway, Sr.
- S. New Orleans/South Central (captains still needed)
- T. West Virginia/Appalachian - F. Winston Polly III/Donald Pitts

DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

You can volunteer to be an Alumni Class Captain or a Fund Regional Captain.

Please Return Form Enclosed

DEVELOPMENT DOINGS (Cont'd)

ROLES OF ALUMNI AND REGIONAL CAPTAINS

After all Alumni and Regional Captains are in place, we will kick-off Phase Three. In Phase Three Captains will be furnished a list of persons to contact. Draft letters and information will be prepared for signature. Once letters are ready, Phase Three will begin with direct contact from Captains.

All mailing, clerical and paper work duties will be handled by the School of Law! It'll be easy, but so very important.nH

JACKSON ISSUES DECADE CLUB CHALLENGE

Maynard Jackson '64 has pledged, paid and made a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) Challenge to all Alumni and Friends. Jackson's Challenge is straight forward: He challenges YOU to join him as a Charter Member of the DECADE Club of the NCCU School of Law.

You have two options. Of course you may send your check for \$500 today and become a fully paid Charter Member of the DECADE Club. But if that's too much to do right now, here's option two: You may return your signed pledge card today pledging to pay your balance by March 15, 1983. You immediately become a "Subscribing" Charter Member of the DECADE Club, and when fully paid by the deadline you will become a full Charter Member of the DECADE Club.nH

CHARTER MEMBER PLAN ALL CATEGORIES

A Charter Membership plan is available for all participation categories. If your funds will not permit full payment right now we've got a Charter Membership plan tailor made for you.

All you have to do now is return your signed pledge card today stating the membership category you desire and pledging to make full payment by March 15, 1983. Instantly you become a Subscribing Participant in the category you desire, or in the Club you want to join. Upon payment by March 15, 1983, you become a Charter Member.nH

LAW FACULTY AVERAGES \$100 EACH

The Faculty of the School of Law understands how important it is to demonstrate its commitment to the New Horizons Fund Challenge. That's why the average contribution already paid exceeds an average of one-hundred dollars (\$100) per faculty member, with more to come. That's the kind of committed people we have here. That's why we have a new spirit of confidence. That's why we know you want to be a part of this exciting New Horizons Fund Challenge.nH

TAXES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND YOU

Wouldn't you rather give it to your Law School than to the IRS? As the end of the tax year approaches what better time to consider maximizing your gift and

and minimizing your taxes? With the tax rate scheduled to drop in 1983, you will get maximum value for your deduction in 1982 (at least that's what we're led to believe.) Check it out. Of course, a gift to your Law School is a charitable contribution. And we'll be happy to send such receipts as necessary to verify your gift.nH

PHASE THREE HEADS TOWARD LAW DAY '83

Phase Three of the New Horizons Fund Challenge will culminate on Law Day 1983 with recognition for all Participants at the Awards Banquet to be held Law Weekend. There is still time. Do it TODAY!nH

SPECIAL FEATURES

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CLIFTON JOHNSON HIGHEST JUDICIAL ALUMNUS

CLIFTON E. JOHNSON '67, appointed to the N.C. Court of Appeals in July 1982 won his statewide election in November to retain his seat. New Horizons Letter salutes Honorable Clifton E. Johnson for having attained the highest judicial rank of any known NCCU Alumnus. Judge Johnson, prior to his appointment to the appellate bench, served as a resident Superior Court Judge in Mecklenburg County, N.C.nH

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS RECEIVED

The JOHN H. WHEELER Foundation, in honor of the 1947 NCCU Law Graduate, has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to NCCU law students. Another deserving NCCU law student has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Charlotte (N.C.) Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers. The President of that Bar Group is alumnus LINWOOD O. FOUST '73, Charlotte. Funds are continuing to be received as a memorial tribute to THOMAS C. JERVAY, JR. '77 who passed in Greensboro, September 11, 1982. The Family requested contributions in lieu of flowers. Funds are being aggregated for an appropriate award in honor of Tom Jervay. Funds also are continuing to be received for the LE MARQUIS DE JARMON Memorial Fund, which was established by the Family in tribute to the Former NCCU Law School Dean. GREENSBORO BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARS NAMED. Two first year law students have been granted \$600 scholarships each provided by the Greensboro Bar Association. One of the students is from Guilford County and the other student is from neighboring Graham County.nH

SBA PREXY GETS CLERKSHIP

Gene W. Ellison(3L), was recently named by Honorable Richard C. Erwin (U.S. District Court Judge) to serve as law clerk following graduation in May 1983. Ellison is President of the Student Bar Association and a member of the Law Journal.nH

NEW FACULTY AND VISITORS FOR '82-83

Two new faculty members joined the team this year. They are Professor Susie R. Powell and Professor Janice L. Mills. Professor Powell is a 1973 graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Law in Ohio and Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. She holds a Master's Degree in English from Smith College in Massachusetts. She teaches Contracts, Legal Methods, and Trial Practice in addition to a special academic skills development course. Previously, she was a managing attorney of a legal services office.

Professor Mills is a 1977 graduate of the Duke University Law School, where she was active in Balsa and the recipient of a "Reggie". She received her BA from UNC-Chapel Hill where she was a Phi Beta Kappa. She teaches Property, Legal Methods and has taught in the Legal Clinic as a visitor. She was previously an attorney with legal services.

Fall '82 part-time visitors include Robert J. Burford (Corporations) who practices law in Raleigh; Adrienne M. Fox (Civil Procedure) a former member of the Durham City Council and Clinical Instructor; David R. Frankstone (Decedent's Estates) an attorney practicing in Chapel Hill; Shirley Fulton (Appellate Advocacy) formerly of Loflin and Loflin in Durham, now an Assistant D.A. in Charlotte; Irving Joyner (Appellate Advocacy) an attorney practicing in Raleigh; and Ilene Berenter Nelson (Appellate Advocacy and Civil Procedure) formerly a member of the law faculty of the University of Hawaii.

In addition, Attorney Frances Dyer Cook and Attorney Judith Washington are serving as supervising attorneys for Clinical students.

For the Spring Term 1983 Honorable Anthony M. Brannon will be a visiting part-time professor. Judge Brannon will teach Evidence.nH

MOOT COURT TEAMS COMPETE

The NCCU School of Law fielded two teams in the recent National Moot Competition held at the University of Virginia. Under the auspices of the Moot Court Board the teams were comprised of Pattie Harrison, Lovell Johnson, Edward Reisner, Charles Pugh and Leslie Wickham. The teams showed very well although they were eliminated in early rounds. The Board plans to enter teams in the Craven Competition (held at UNC-Chapel Hill) and the National Balsa Competition this Spring.nH

NOTICES ABOUT ALUMNI

RONALD P. BUTLER '82 is an attorney with the Public Defender in Greensboro, N.C. JOHN EDMONDS '73 employed with the EEOC in Philadelphia has a new addition to his family: Kyle Warrington Edmonds, born 7/2/82. WILLIAM REDD '76 is in private practice in Huntington, West Virginia. DEDRICK BRITTENUM '82 has become a member of the Tennessee Bar. WILLIAM FAUST '82 and RENEE BOWSER '82 are now members of the Pennsylvania Bar.

J. LEON PEACE, JR. '78 is a senior attorney with the office of Chief Counsel in the IRS. HAROLD BARNES '80 has entered a law firm in Elizabeth City, N.C. and has opened an office in Chesapeake, Virginia. KEVIN O. EASLEY '78 is presently a third year medical student at UNC-Chapel Hill. FRANK W. BALLANCE '65 has been elected a member of the N.C. General Assembly and serves as Secretary to a newly formed Black Legislative Caucus. (Item continues on page 8)

COT SOME NEWS?
About Yourself? A Classmate?

Send to:
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"Let us help You
Keep in touch."

NOTICES ABOUT ALUMNI (Cont'd)

New addition to the family of GERALD RUSH '75 is son Pierre Alonza Rush born 11/14/82, weighing in at 6 lbs. 8 oz.

JOHN H. HARMON '65 held a Grand Opening in September for his new office complex in New Bern, N.C.

JOHN H. RENNICK '49 has been elected President of the Rowan County Bar Association. Honorable WILLIAM G. PEARSON '54 won re-election to his District Court Judgeship in Durham County during the November elections. ROSALIND THOMAS '82 is in private practice in Durham, N.C. with HENRY GAMBLE '69. MARK W. MORRIS '82 is completing his LLM at Harvard Law School. Morris was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Journal. NH

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