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# NEW HORIZONS

North Carolina Central University School of Law

August 2000

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Alumni Reunion *an Historic Occasion!*



*Mike Easley '76 at Alumni Reunion*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Alumni Reunion was held September 10-11, 1999, with approximately 100 alumni attending events over the two-day period. Reunion activities included a mentoring session with interested alumni and students, and a CLE entitled "Sex, Lies and Cyberspace: A Guide to Using The Internet In Your Practice." Other activities included tours of the Law School, the Bull Durham Blues Festival, tennis, golf, and a picnic.



*Members of the NCCU Law Class of 1974*

A special banquet was held Saturday evening, September 11, where a video was shown highlighting the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School of Law. One special guest was Michelle Bond Hill, the daughter of the first graduate of the School of Law, Robert Bond '43. Other special guests included Ruth Caldwell '48 and her husband, Frank Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell was the first female graduate of the School of Law, and Mr. Caldwell was a professor here in the 1940's. It was definitely an historic occasion!



- **Friday, November 3:** A Death Penalty "Town Meeting" sponsored by the Law School (with CLE credit) featuring various panels and guest speakers
- **Saturday morning/afternoon, November 4:** Golf, Tennis, and an Alumni Association Reception at the Law School following the NCCU Homecoming football game
- **Saturday evening, November 4:** A Special Dinner (at the Host Hotel, the Durham Hilton) recognizing our NCCU Law School alumni who are members of the judiciary

*Please note that we have scheduled our Alumni Reunion to fall on the same weekend as North Carolina Central University's Homecoming.*

***Look for Details and Registration Information by September 15, 2000!***

*Make Plans Now!*

**ALUMNI REUNION**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

*All Alumni, Former Faculty  
& Staff are invited*

## Hello from the Dean!

We hope that you are pleased with this new-style newsletter and its synopsis of events we held here at the Law School this past year.

Our students, faculty, staff and alumni have been very busy. I am certain that our 2000-2001 school year will prove to be busy as well. A few Law School events already in the planning stages are a Death Penalty Seminar with various guests and speakers, to be held November 3, 2000; our Annual Reunion to be held November 3-4, 2000; and a celebration of the twenty-year anniversary of the Evening Program to be held in conjunction with our annual Tax Seminar and a new IP Seminar in February, 2001.

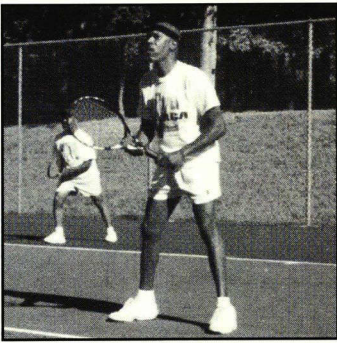
By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have welcomed the classes of 2003 and 2004. Please stop by to see us if you are passing through the area. As always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

*Dean Janice L. Mills*



*Mills*





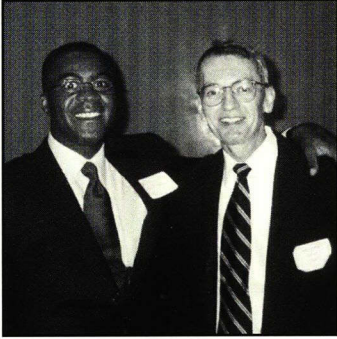
Frank Hanley '68 playing tennis



Mills, Ruth Caldwell '48, Michelle Bond Hill



Dean's secretary Iris Gilchrist and Kevin Foy '94

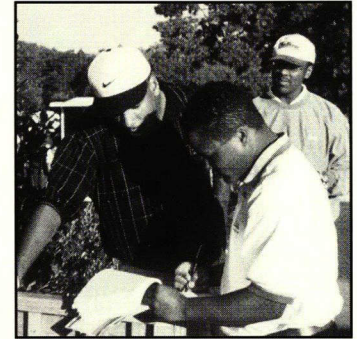


Kevin Duckworth '85 and John Sullivan '85

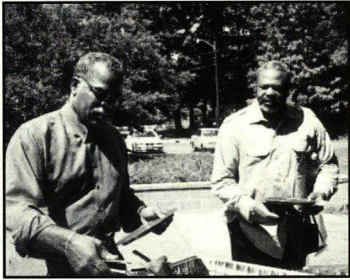
## 2nd Alumni Reunion!



Reuben Young '85, Pamela Thorpe Young '85



Tab Hunter '93 and John Perry '91 register golfers for Alumni tournament



Peter Rogers '76 and Leonard Brown '77



Professor Monica Kalo and former Professor Frank Caldwell



Monte Watkins '84 speaks at banquet

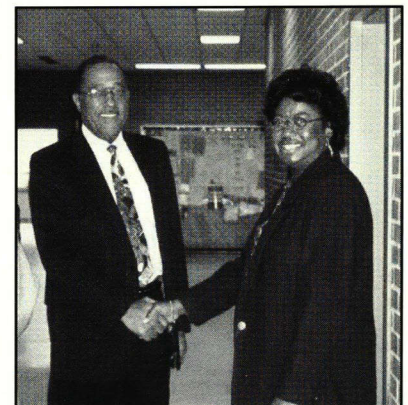
# 1999-2000 EVENTS

### October 4, 1999: "First Monday" Event

In honor of the opening day of the fall session of the United States Supreme Court, the Law School sponsored this event, the theme of which was housing and homelessness. A video entitled "Bringing Justice Home," produced by the Alliance for Justice, was shown in the student lounge area to law students and faculty. Marcus Jimison '93 from the Land Loss Prevention Project lectured and led a discussion afterward.

### October 19, 1999: North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Frye is Guest Speaker

North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Henry E. Frye visited the Law School and spoke to law students, faculty and staff, as well as criminal justice students and faculty. The Law School presented him with an honorary eagle statue and other gifts. A reception followed in the main lobby.



Frye and Mills





Wynn, Lewis and Martin

### ***October 25, 1999: North Carolina Court of Appeals Holds Session of Court***

The North Carolina Court of Appeals held a session of court in the NCCU School of Law Moot Courtroom with presiding judges John Lewis, James Wynn and John Martin. The Court heard three cases, then joined the Law School faculty for a buffet luncheon. Students enjoyed having the judges at the Law School and appreciated being able to see the Court in action without traveling to Raleigh.

### ***November 16, 1999: IP Attorney Panel Discussion***

Local attorneys and alumni who specialize in Intellectual Property visited the Law School and conducted a panel discussion for our current students. They answered questions and gave suggestions and ideas for practicing in this area of law.

### ***November 10, 13, 17, 20, 1999: Civil Rights Seminars***

Professor Irving Joyner's Civil Rights class sponsored a series of seminars focusing on current civil rights issues.

### ***November 30, 1999: Ghana Law Presentation***

The NCCU School of Law visiting professors from Ghana, Philip Ebow Bondzi-Simpson and Margaret Kofuah Insaadoo, gave a presentation on the Ghana legal system and legal education in Ghana for students, faculty and staff. They held a question and answer session after their presentation. A farewell reception followed in the main lobby.

### ***January 13, 2000: "Hate Mail and Historically Black Universities" Program***

Attorney General Mike Easley '76 and SBI Director Bryan Beatty participated in this program at the Law School which discussed North Carolina and federal law enforcement efforts relative to hate crimes. NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers welcomed law enforcement officials, university administrators and others who attended the event.



Insaadoo

### ***February 11-12, 19, 2000:***

#### ***NCCU School of Law Teams are Champions!***

The NCCU School of Law hosted twenty teams from law schools throughout the southeast in a regional trial advocacy competition. The competition was held at the Durham County Courthouse with over one hundred local attorneys, judges and Law School alumni serving as court officials. Over one hundred NCCU law school students served as witnesses, bailiffs and hostesses. Lunches were served to court officials each day and



NCCU Trial Advocacy Champs!

the trial team members and coaches enjoyed a reception at the Durham Marriott. As an added highlight, the NCCU School of Law won the event, finishing with the top two teams in the competition.

Additionally, the Law School was named regional champion in the Saul Lefkowitz Memorial Trademark Moot Court competition held in Atlanta, Georgia. The team was named Best Team overall in this oral argument competition.



NCCU IP Champs!



**February 16, 2000:**

***N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers Presentation***

A presentation entitled "How to Find Your Way Around the Courtroom and Avoid Irritating the Judge" was sponsored by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers and featured several local trial lawyers as well as Judge Clarence Horton from the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Helpful interviewing and resume techniques were discussed.



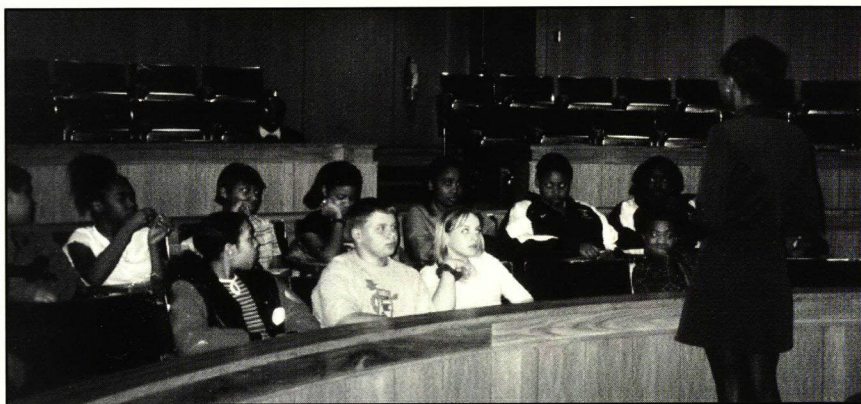
*McCauley, Harper '98, Nunnallee, Hamilton '90, Thomas, and Mombrun '88*

***February 24, 2000: Annual Tax CLE***

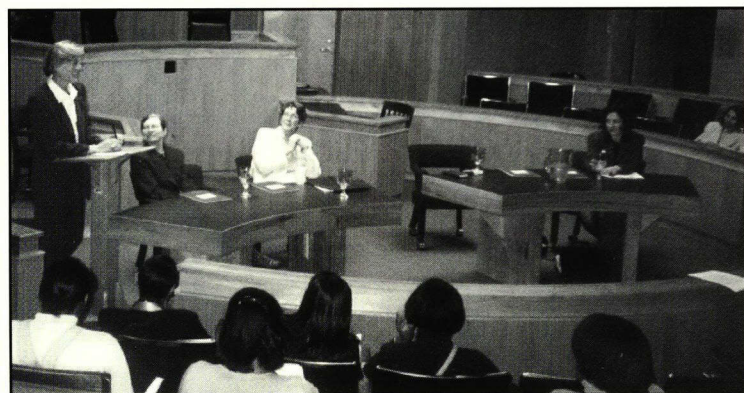
A six-hour CLE entitled "A Tax Seminar for the General Practitioner" was held in the NCCU School of Law Moot Courtroom. Local attorneys, as well as many students and faculty, attended this CLE that included seven different presenters covering many aspects of tax and the law. Presenters included Wayne Hamilton '90, Jack Harper '98, Professor Wilton Hyman '92, Sheila McCauley, Reginald Mombrun '88, Professor Walter Nunnallee, and Ricky Thomas. A job fair for Law School students was held in conjunction with the CLE the previous evening.

***February 29, 2000: Recruiting Young Students! Githens Middle School Visit***

Recruiting Director Victoria Taylor '97 arranged for students from Githens Middle School to visit the Law School to learn general aspects about becoming a law student, as well as basic facts about the law. The students received NCCU Law School paraphernalia and lunch.



*Taylor '97 with students*



*Morey, Devine, McKown and Calabria*

***March 23, 2000: Women Judges Forum***

A panel of female judges that included District Court Judges Pat Devine from Hillsborough, Marcia Morey and Anne McKown from Durham, and Anna Marie Calabria from Raleigh participated in a discussion on perspectives of being women in the judiciary. They also answered questions about their inspirations to become judges and their experiences on the bench.

***March 24, 2000: Environmental Justice Symposium***

Students, faculty, local attorneys and professionals attended this symposium centered around environmental development and "Smart Growth" solutions. Featured speakers included Trip Van Noppen and Robert Kuehn.

***March 28, 2000: Wealth Primary Discussion***

Nelson River III of the NAACP and Gregory Luke of the National Voting Rights Institute discussed the issues, strategies and constitutional questions involved in the "wealth primary" lawsuit against the State of North Carolina.

***April 3, 2000: Forum on Legal Education & Substance Abuse and Addiction***

NCCU Law School hosted a luncheon and roundtable discussion to continue dialogue generated in law school faculty focus groups about how to better equip future attorneys to deal effectively with substance abuse problems that appear in all aspects of legal practice. The event was held on behalf of the Office of the Chief Justice. North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Henry Frye attended and was the featured speaker of the afternoon.



### ***April 19, 2000: Professional Responsibility Presentation***

The Executive Director of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, Melvin Wright, Jr., and NC State Bar Prosecutor Clay Davidson visited the Law School to discuss ethics issues and answer questions on principles of professionalism for attorneys.

### ***April 24, 2000: Guest Speaker Kenneth Broun Speaks About Book***

Ken Broun, a former Dean and current professor at the UNC Law School, spoke about his newly released book, "Black Lawyers, White Courts: The Soul of South African Law." The book contains forewords by South African President Nelson Mandela and NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers. A reception was held immediately following as Broun autographed copies of his book for faculty and students.



Green

## **Development Director** *hired at NCCU School of Law*

Towana V. "TV" Green has been hired as the Law School's first Development Director. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. She has development experience working with N.C. State and with United Cerebral Palsy. She will be directing the Law School's newly initiated six million dollar Capital Campaign. We are happy to have her on board!

# Student Activities 1999-2000

### ***August 11-13, 1999: Orientation***

Orientation included an overview of a law student's first year, discussion of academic support programs, Dean Mills' charge to the classes of 2002 and 2003, an introduction of faculty, staff and student leaders, an ethics lecture, financial aid information, a review of the pro bono, clinical and career services programs, and a student/alumni panel discussion. Retired N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Clifton Johnson '67 spoke to the students about ethics and professionalism.

### ***August 20, 1999: Voter Registration Drive***

This voter registration drive was sponsored by the Black Law Students Association. New students, faculty and staff registered to become Durham voters.

### ***September 24-25, 1999: Law Bowl***

A flag football tournament and volleyball match were held involving students from all classes and Law School faculty and staff. The event was held at Solite Park on Fayetteville Street and included a cookout sponsored by the Student Bar Association.

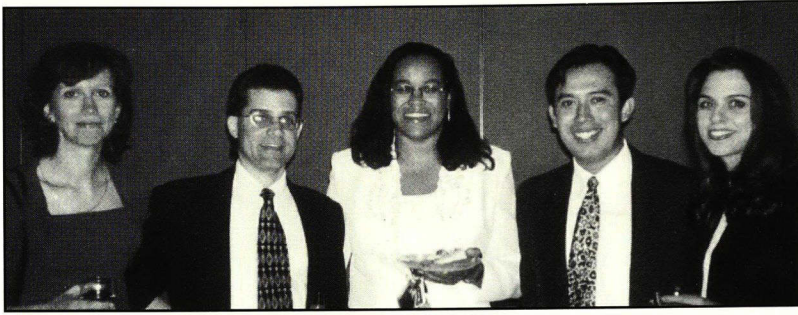


Johnson '67 and Mills with a student



### ***October 7, 1999: NC Board of Law Examiners Discussion***

Mr. Fred J. Parker III, the Executive Director for the N.C. Board of Law Examiners, visited the Law School, talked about the bar examination, and answered questions from our law students. A reception followed in the main lobby.



*Professor Renee Hill with students and friends*

### ***October 27, 1999:***

#### ***1999 Faculty/Student Cocktail Party***

This mixer of law students and faculty was held at the Durham Hilton and was sponsored by the Office of the Dean and the Student Bar Association. Jazz music played in the background as faculty and students enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and punch while mingling in a semi-formal atmosphere.

### ***November 17 & 29, 1999:***

#### ***Law School Open House***

Prospective law students attended these open houses to learn more about what the NCCU School of Law has to offer. Admission and registration information was discussed as well as what life is like as an NCCU law student.

### ***February 23 & 28, 2000: Trial Advocacy and Intellectual Property Team Victory Rallies***

A victory rally was held to honor three of the Law School's teams for winning their respective Regional Championships and advancing to National Competitions. Speeches were made to honor each team's hard work and dedication.

### ***March 26 – April 1, 2000: Law Week***

The week included traditional activities such as the Ernest Fullwood Moot Court Competition, the Mary Wright Trial Advocacy Competition, a law student basketball tournament, the Law Fest Field Day and Step Show, a law student party and a faculty/student/alumni golf tournament. Judge James Wynn of the North Carolina Court of Appeals was the guest speaker at a week-ending banquet.



*Professor Irving Joyner, Career Services Director Lisa Morgan and Assistant Dean Steve Douglas '82 kept order during the basketball tournament*



*Law students work the banquet registration table*

Also during Law Week, the ACLU hosted a Brown Bag Lunch Series and had guest speakers who led discussions and provided information on civil liberties and the death penalty. The Sports and Entertainment Law Society held a forum featuring guest speaker and alumnus, Gus Gusler '84, a Raleigh entertainment lawyer. The Intellectual Property Society hosted a panel discussion concerning IP job opportunities and the current demand for jobs in this area. The SELS and IPS held receptions immediately following their events.



As a part of Law Week, the Career Services Office held an information session on judicial clerkships and the Admissions Office hosted a Day Student Open House similar to the one held during the fall semester. A four-hour credit CLE, entitled "Back to School: Recent Changes in the Law Brought to You by Our Professors," was also held. Seventy registrants attended the program which featured four NCCU Law School professors. The presenters were Cheryl Amana, Thomas Ringer, Mark Morris '82 and Walter Nunnallee.



Nina Neal '92, Sanya Eller '93, Kathryn Washington Addo '93, Ellie Kinnaird '92, Professor Marilyn Bowens '92

### ***April 7, 2000: BLSA Jazz Social***

This first-time event, sponsored by the Black Law Students Association, was held at the NCCU Student Union. A jazz band played background and dance music for law students, faculty, staff and alumni. A talent show was held and hors d'oeuvres were served. Watching Professor Thomas Ringer put on his dancing shoes was a highlight of the evening!

### ***May 11-13, 2000: Graduation Celebrations***

A farewell dinner for graduates was held on Thursday, May 11 at the Doubletree Guest Suites and featured a faculty roast, video presentation of class memories, trivia about classmates and faculty, class superlatives, and gifts of appreciation to students, faculty and staff.

A cookout was held on Friday, May 12, to give graduates a last chance to mingle in a relaxed atmosphere with their classmates and professors. The event was held at Solite Park.

The evening of May 12, a reception in honor of commencement speaker Bill Campbell was held at the home of Associate Dean Adrienne Fox. Campbell, the Mayor of Atlanta, spoke about contemporary legal issues and their impact on minorities. Law School graduates, faculty and staff attended.

The NCCU School of Law Graduation Ceremony was held at Hillside High School Auditorium on Saturday, May 13, 2000. There are now 107 new alumni of NCCU School of Law!



*The Class of 2000!*

## **Pro Bono Student of the Year**

### *Lynne Howard*

Lynne Howard '99 was named the NCCU Student Pro Bono Service Award winner by the North Carolina State Bar in October, 1999. While in Law School, Ms. Howard was a volunteer with F.A.C.E.S., a program at the Law School which allows law students to work with elementary students on reading, writing, or math skills. She also worked with Durham's Teen Court and Student Court. She volunteered at North Carolina Legal Services in Raleigh, working with the Mental Disability Project, where she evaluated IEPs of prisoners in North Carolina prisons. She also volunteered at the Durham County Attorney's Office, and worked with the Guardian Ad Litem program. Howard currently works at Pulley, Watson, King & Lischer.

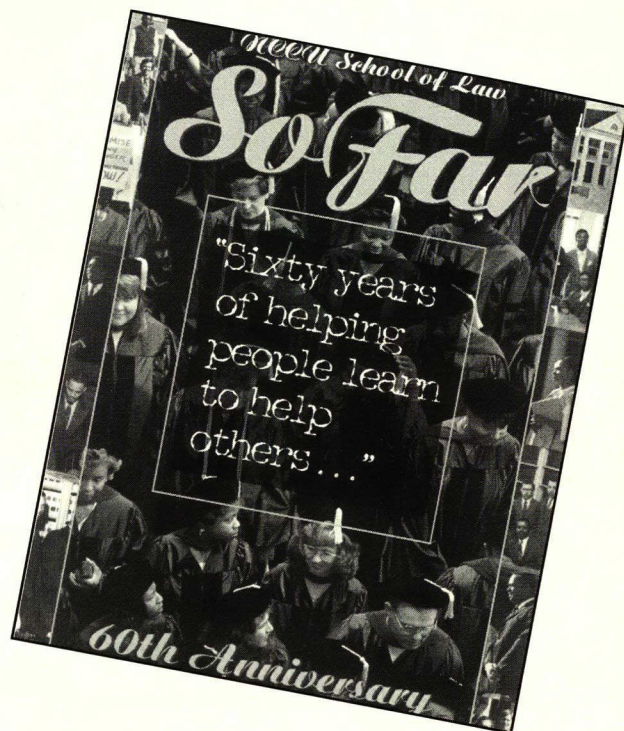


*Howard*



# *So Far ... a Big Hit!*

The reviews are in on *So Far*, the magazine celebrating the sixty-year history of the Law School, and they are exceptional! Alumni and friends are pleased with the colorful, splashy work designed by Steve Thomas Marketing Communications from Charlotte, North Carolina. Thomas worked with a Law School Committee to gather information, photos, and stories to compile this forty-four page masterpiece. A highlight of the magazine is the middle insert, a four-panel timeline of the sixty years of the Law School.



## *From the Office of Alumni Relations*

We want to know what you and all of our alumni are doing! We are interested in announcements, new jobs, and any tidbits about what you are doing in the legal profession. Please remember to send information to us so that we can share it with the rest of the Law School community. Information should be sent to: Lydia E. Lavelle or Sharon D. Alston, NCCU School of Law Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 1431, Durham, NC, 27702. Phone: (Lydia) 919-530-7464 (Sharon) 919-530-5386 Fax: 919-530-7981 E-mail: [llavelle@wpo.nccu.edu](mailto:llavelle@wpo.nccu.edu) or [sdalston@wpo.nccu.edu](mailto:sdalston@wpo.nccu.edu)

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