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President's Message

As we reflect upon the celebration of the holiday season and move further into the new year, I hope we stop and give thanks for the presence of North Carolina Central University School of Law. The School of Law has enabled us to practice our chosen profession. We must forever be mindful of the struggles and sacrifices of alumni and others who have contributed to viability of the School of Law. Our law school is unique, historically and currently. As I reflect on the challenges this law school and its alumni has faced the words of the National Negro Hymn come to mind. A few verses of that song are as follows:

*"Sing a song full of the faith
the dark past has taught us,*

*Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us,*

*Facing the rising sun, of our
new day begun, let us march on
'til victory is won..."*

The presence of the School of Law makes the likelihood of "victory" more probable than would be the case without the School of Law. Therefore, I ask each of you to stop for a moment and ask

yourself, "where would we be if NCCU School of Law did not exist for us?"

I feel it incumbent upon me to remind you that payment of alumni dues are in order. The dues are fifty dollars (\$50.00) for all graduates of more than five years, and forty dollars (\$40.00) for all graduates of less than five years. Dues payment is a small installment on the interest accrued on the enormous debt you owe those alumni and others who kept the doors of NCCU School of Law open.

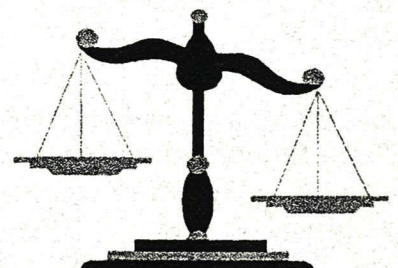
On behalf of the entire association we thank Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Frasier, '65, for their very generous gift to the association of \$2,500.00 in the memory of Carroll T. Willis, Jr., Esq. Mr. Frasier becomes the second Silver Eagle in the recent history of the association. The Association will honor Mr. Frasier with its Silver Eagle Award during the 1997 Law Week Banquet. Make plans to attend the Law Week festivities April 7 - 12, 1997.

Congratulations to all members recently admitted to the Bar. The very best of luck to those members who sat for the February examination.

I Plan to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Alumni Association form a Law School Advisory Council. The purpose of the Council will be to interface with the law school administration concerning matters of importance to current and prospective alumni. I shall recommend that the council explore ways to improve the bar passage rates, provide a greater selection of practical skills training opportunities for students and CLE training for alumni. It is only by facing the daily challenges that we may claim the victory. Your participation is earnestly desired.

Very truly yours,

Grady Jessup, '86
President



ALUMNI NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Carrol T. Willis
Class of 1972
and
Mary "Becky" Hardee
Class of 1992

Paul Jones '74 former, Pro Bono coordinator for the Law School is now a District Court Judge in Kinston, NC.

Congratulations to **Marshall Swann '78** who was recently elected to the Executive committee of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association.

Norman Butler '78 opened a law office in Charlotte, N. C. Butler will specialize in Criminal Law and Personal Injury.

Congratulations to **Bonnie Jones '82** who was sworn in as a district court judge in Hampton, VA in April of 1996. Jones is the first woman to be appointed a judge in Hampton, VA

Alexander Dawson '85 is the proud captain of a Bristol 35.5 ft. sailing vessel, "Paradigm Shift," and recently completed his first overnight ocean voyage on the Atlantic in August of 1996 amid lightning storms and high seas. When he is not on the high seas, Dawson is still practicing law in Graham, NC.

Alumni President **Grady Jessup '86** was appointed Chair of the North Carolina Bar Association's Minorities in Profession Committee; served as assistant team leader and faculty member

of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Southeast Regional Trial Advocacy Program; and was invited to teach trial advocacy at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR in July 1996.

Congratulation to **Charles Blackmon '88** and wife Mabel on the birth of their daughter Chloe Alexandra.

John Eluwa '89, formerly with Carolina Power & Light Litigation support unit, has opened a law office in Cary, NC. His practice areas include, but are not limited to: immigration; criminal defense; personal injury; family law; and corporate law.

Wayne Hamilton '90, formerly of Internal Revenue Service, has joined the Tax staff of the General Motors Corporation in Detroit,

Carolyn B. Winfrey '90 is now associated with the firm of Royster, Royster & Cross in Oxford, NC.

Congratulations to **Rufus Banks '92** and **Shavaughn Neal '93** on their recent marriage. They reside in Chesapeake, VA. Shavaughn passed the July '96 VA Bar exam and Rufus, formerly with the Portsmouth Commonwealth's Attorneys Office has become associated with Huff, Poole & Mahoney, P.C.

Congratulations to **Ellie Kinnaird '92** on winning a seat in the N.C. Senate.

Susan Sheehy Ellinger '92 and **David Lambert '93** have become associated with the firm Smith Debnam Hibbert & Paul, L.L.P., in Raleigh, NC.

Kevin Morse '93 has become associated with **Fred Whittfield '88** and **Charles Blackmon '88** as a partner to form the firm of Whittfield, Blackmon and Morse.

Kathryn Washington '93 was licensed to the Gospel Ministry on May 23, 1996 by the Faith Community Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. Rev. Washington is a student at Union University's School of Theology. She will be an intern at Faith Community for the next year to design and implement a Legal Ministry.

Denny "Bill" Bostic '93 is the Chief Public Defender for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of West Virginia. Bill and his wife Tracy are the proud parents of their first child, Emma Lane Kathryn Bostic, born November 24, 1994. Congratulations.

Virginia Collins '93 has established a regional bankruptcy practice in Goldston, NC.

Congratulations to **Barbara Ricker Thompson '93** and husband Les on the birth of their second son, Zachary, born August 4, 1996. Barbara is now the Manager of Advertising Policy in Regulatory Affairs at Glaxo-Wellcome.

W. Keith Williams '93 has purchased a building for his law practice in Yeadon, PA. Keith was also the subject of a recent newspaper article which highlighted his career and community involvement. Congratulations on your achievements, Keith; keep up the good work.

1996 BAR RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO PASSED A BAR EXAM IN 1996. IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, PLEASE FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO NICHELLE PERRY C/O NCCU LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 57, DURHAM, NC 27702.

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The Alumni Association wishes to recognize the following persons who have, since the last edition of the newsletter, paid their Alumni dues.

Karen Fraiser Alston
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D.W. Bostic
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Dues for the 1997 year are \$40.00 for persons who graduated in or after 1991 and \$50.00 for those persons who graduated in or before 1990. Dues are waived for members of the class of 1996 for the 1996 year. Become an active member of the Alumni Association by providing the following information and sending it with your check to:

Alumni Association
Post Office Box 57
Durham, NC 27702

Name _____ Class Year _____

Title _____ Employer _____

Business Address _____

Home Address _____

Is this a new address _____ (Yes/No?)

Home Phone (____) _____ Office Phone (____) _____

_____ I graduated in or after 1991. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$40.00

_____ I graduated in or before 1990. Enclosed in my check in the amount of \$50.00.

_____ I am a member of the class of 1996 so my dues are waived for the first year.
[However, enclosed is my contribution to the annual fund.]

_____ YES! Please count me in as a contributor to the 1995-1996 Annual Fund Drive.
(Monies received from the Annual Fund Drive are used to fund scholarships, research assistantships and other important projects.)

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| GOLDEN EAGLE | \$5,000.00 | SILVER EAGLE | \$2,500.00 |
| BRONZE EAGLE | \$1,000.00 | DEAN'S CLUB | \$ 500.00 |
| PATRON'S CLUB | \$ 250.00 | FRIEND'S CLUB | \$ 100.00 |
| GRADUATE'S CLUB | \$ 50.00 | | |

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Kären Fraiser Alston '94 and Ralph Fraiser, Jr. '94 have become associated with the Law Offices of James D. Williams, Jr., P.A.

Congratulations to **Angela Newell '94** on passing the February '96 NC Bar exam and the birth of her daughter, Savanna Lola-Simone Pinnix born June 5, 1996. Angela has also recently started a solo practice in Greensboro, NC.

Congratulations to **Perry Paylor '94** for passing the Maryland Bar exam. Perry also recently celebrated his second year as a successful kidney transplant recipient and encourages all NCCU Law Alumnae to become organ donors.

Renee Cowick '94 has opened a law office in Cary. She is also currently serving as Co-Chair of the NCBA/YLD Child Advocacy Committee Newsletter. She has also drafted a resolution regarding children's waiting rooms in courthouses that was passed at the last ABA/YLD General Assembly meeting in Baltimore, MD.

Scott Casey '94 and Debi Casey '94 are the proud parents of a daughter, Madison Claire Casey, born October 9, 1996. Congrats.

Debbie Baker '94, formerly with the Law Office of Gregory B. Thompson '92, is now an Assistant Public Defender for Scotland and Hoke Counties. She was sworn in on June 3, 1996.

Gretchen Aycock '95, formerly Gretchen Knight, has opened a law office in Durham, NC.

Jason Ross '95 has joined the staff of East Central Community Legal Services as a staff attorney in the organization's Smithfield, NC office.

Eric Scott '95 and Dwayne Jones '95 have opened law offices in Charlotte, NC and Monroe, NC.

Congratulations to **Claudia Clark '96 and Craig Croom '94** on their marriage.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelia HB Holmes '92 is interested in having a five year reunion for the class of 1992. Anyone interested should contact her at (804) 861-8899.

EMPLOYMENT Hire a Central Student

Bright and qualified Central students are eager to interview with your office. Interviews and resume forwarding can be arranged by the school's placement office based on your hiring criteria.

If you need to hire a law clerk or an associate, please let the Law School know by writing to:

Lisa Morgan Crutchfield
Placement Office
NCCU School of Law
1512 S. Alston Avenue
Durham, NC 27707

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Nichelle Jones Perry
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P.O. Box 57
Durham, NC 27707

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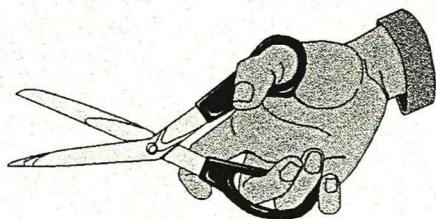
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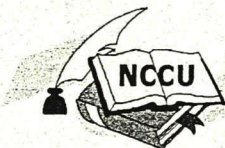
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